Session II. 1912. NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:

LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES BY STATE-GUARANTEED ADVANCES DEPARTMENT

(REPORT ON), TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS, MINUTES OF EVIDENCE, AND APPENDIX.

(MR. HINE, CHAIRMAN.)

Reports brought up on 21st October, 22nd October, and 6th November, 1912.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives. Tuesday, the 6th Day of August, 1912.

Ordered, "That a Committee be appointed, to consist of ten members, to examine into and report upon such questions relating to the Public Accounts as it may think desirable, or that may be referred to it by the House or the Government, and also into all matters relating to the finances of the Dominion which the Government may refer to it; to have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Craigie, Mr. Hanan, Mr. Hine, Mr. Lee, Mr. Myers, Dr. Newman, Mr. E. Newman, Mr. Pearce, Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. Allen.)

Tuesday, the 2nd Day of October, 1912.

Ordered, "That the Public Accounts Committee be directed to inquire fully into all loans paid or applied for or provisionally or finally approved for local authorities under the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Act since its inception. The Committee to report on the losses made, if any, since the Act came into operation, the commitments, and the available means and unexhausted loan authorities as at the 31st March, 1912, and the 16th September, 1912. The Committee to be open to the Press. Also that the letter of the Superintendent of the New Zealand State-guaranteed Advances Department of the 30th September, 1912, to the Minister of Finance be referred to the said Committee. The Committee to report within ten days."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

Tuesday, the 15th Day of October, 1912.

Ordered, "That ten days' extension of time be granted the Public Accounts Committee within which to bring up its report on paper in connection with New Zealand State-guaranteed advances to local bodies."—(Mr. HINE.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1912.

Ordered, "That an extension of time for ten days be granted to the Public Accounts Committee within which to bring up their report on State-guaranteed advances."—(Mr. HINE.)